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NOTE: "Fairy and the Waif" Will Be Shown at MATINEE ONLY. Show Starts at 2 O'clock Sharp. Get Your Seats Early.

TOMORROW SUNDAY— Edna Goodrich in A DAUGHTER OF MARYLAND

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

By LEE PAPE

The telephone rang today, and it was Ant Sue, saying, Hello, is that you, Benny? Tell your mother to come to the tone.

All right, Ant Sue, I see. Which just then I remembered it was near Christmas, and I said, How are you, Ant Sue? O, in quite well, thanks, said Ant Sue, and I said, Yours welcome, and I called, ma and she came to the phone, saying, Hello, Sue, yes, yes, O, eh, how, yes, yes, my something useful wood be the best thing, I should think, he always needs handkerchiefs, of course, and things of that sort.

Goah, I thawt, I hope she's not talking about me. Yes, gloves wood be nice, has very hard on gloves, or boots, a few pairs of nice-looking ones, yes, eh, heh, eh, heh, yes, well, good by, yes, yes, eh, heh, good by, yes, good by.

And she hung up the receiver, and I said, Hey, ma, was that me? Wasn't you? said ma. What you were talking about to Ant Sue, I see. Why, yes, I have it, was, said ma, and I said, Aw, ma, O, G, ma, all right for you, that's a fine way to treat a fello, that is, all right for you, ma.

SLACKER WILL ENLIST IN NAVY

Because he neglected merely through ignorance to register for the draft, George Peters, a Greek, about 25 years of age, will be allowed by the authorities to enter the United States Navy instead of being sent to Camp Devens. It was announced at police headquarters today.

INVESTIGATION OF JACOBS CASE

Pending investigation by the federal authorities, John Jacobs, of 229 Shelton street, is held by the police today on a technical charge of breach of the peace, and accused of having made insulting remarks about the United States. The man was arrested by Patrolman O'Rourke in a hotel street restaurant yesterday. His case was continued in the police court this morning, until January 2, under \$200 bonds.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING TIRE

Charged with the theft of an automobile tire from the garage of Dwight Hall, 1111 Hill avenue, Eugene Berger of 1221 Pembroke street, a machinist, is under arrest today. He was arrested in the police court this morning, and given a continuance until January 2, under \$1,000 bail.

NO CHANGE IN CORE PRICES

Washington, Dec. 29—There will be no general revision of core prices for the year 1917. The Federal Reserve board issued today an order continuing in force the prices fixed last September, 1917.

M'ADOO STARTS PLANS TO HELP R. R. SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 29—Actual government operation of the railroads began today with the railroad war board continuing in charge under orders from Director General McAdoo to direct traffic over the most convenient and expeditious routes. The board, composed of five of the nation's foremost railroad executives, who have been in control of the roads since April 1, now will be enabled to effect the pooling of traffic heretofore impossible under the anti-trust laws. The board's retention of operating heads of the railroads was announced yesterday after the five members had conferred with Director McAdoo, who instructed them to continue their functions and submit immediately a plan for directing traffic. Later Mr. McAdoo issued his first formal order designed to speed up the freight movement. He instructed all railroads to move shipments by the shortest routes, and ordered them to continue operation of their lines to conform with President Wilson's proclamation putting them under government control.

BOLSHEVIKI GRANT BRITISH COURIERS RIGHT TO TRAVEL

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 28—The British embassy authorizes the announcement that an agreement has been reached with the Bolsheviki government to issue passports to couriers going to England, on condition that they perform only courier duty and return immediately. The Moscow Bolsheviki authorities have followed the example of those in Petrograd and have taken over all the private banks in Moscow.

IS SERVING ONE SENTENCE MAY BE GIVEN ANOTHER

From his cell in the county jail, James Scott, colored, of 201 Jackson street, was brought down to face Judge Frank L. Wilder in the city court this morning on a charge of altering the theft of a woman's coat. His case was continued until Jan. 5. The man is now serving time for failure to pay a fine of \$50 and costs imposed upon him for the theft of several overcoats, a month ago.

MILK COMMISSION WILL SET PRICES

Boston, Dec. 29—The federal milk commission for New England will fix a price for milk on Jan. 1 or a day or two later. This was announced last night after an executive meeting of the commission. Phillip R. Allen, chairman, said the commission would meet next week to examine the statistics it had gathered. "We had hoped," he said, "to have our report ready by Monday, so the new prices would be effective Jan. 1, but we have so many statistics to go over that possibly we shall be delayed a day or two."

FUNERAL BOUQUET AND DESIGNS JOHN RECK & SON

LAKE ATTACKS INTERESTS FOR AERO MONOPOLY

That greedy private interests would seriously hamper the work of equipping America's aerial fleet if allowed a hand in the development of a standardized airplane, is the opinion expressed in a paper prepared for reading before the Aeronautical Society of America by Christopher J. Lake, of this city, a noted authority on subjects pertaining to aviation. Mr. Lake charges monopolistic corporations with deliberately thwarting the growth of patriotic enterprises in order that their own interests may be served, and said that if expected results are to be accomplished with a standardized machine private parties must be kept from interfering. It may be possible, he suggests, for a strong corporation to influence the government into accepting an inferior machine as its standard, when a better one is available, and although he does not believe that the government would make such a mistake, he believes necessary precautions should be taken. Mr. Lake is the father of Simon Lake head of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. and being an accomplished and enthusiastic experimenter with aircraft and problems of aviation, is recognized as an authority on such matters.

STATE SAVINGS FOR PAST YEAR

Connecticut people saved \$27,491,679.66 more this year than last year, according to figures in the annual report of Bank Commissioner Everett J. Sturges, submitted to Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, yesterday for the year ending October 31. In 1916 the amount of savings in the savings banks and trust companies having savings departments in the state was \$372,354,305.65, while during the year just closed it was \$400,305,935.31.

The report includes the conditions of savings banks, state commercial banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, Morris Plan companies, and mortgage investment companies coming under the jurisdiction of the state banking department. The liabilities at the end of the year closing October last, amounted to \$390,297,524.39, or an increase of \$20,228,504.31 over the previous year. The savings banks had at the close of the year a surplus amounting to \$15,062,540.94, an increase of \$847,531.69 over the surplus at the beginning of the year. Depositors were paid in dividends during the year \$14,120,851.15. The rate of interest paid by the eighty-one savings banks of the state varied, seventy-four paying 4 per cent., one 5 1/2, two 5, two 4 1/2, one 3 1/2, and one 2 per cent. Deposits in the savings departments of trust companies at the end of the year amounted to \$33,565,293.35, as against \$24,979,591.73 in 1916. Commercial departments of trust companies had deposits amounting to \$72,833,698.64, while in 1916 they amounted to \$65,434,928.04. There were 647 deposits of more than \$10,000 each, and the average amount due to the depositors was \$523.64. New accounts opened during the year numbered 111,917, a falling off from the year previous which numbered 119,739.

DR. HAGGERTY TO SPEAK

Dr. James E. Haggerty of the Ohio State University, will lecture Sunday evening at St. Augustine's hall for the benefit of the different societies of the church. His topic will be "Juvenile Delinquency." The speaker will be introduced promptly at 8 o'clock by Hon. Judge Wilder. A large attendance is expected.

New Year's Eve AT THE STRATFIELD HOTEL DINNER - MUSIC - DANCING SOUVENIRS

New Year's Eve Celebration At Hotel Lorraine & Annex MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND FAVORS Make Reservations Early

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL AND DANCE SONS OF ERIN EAGLES HALL TUES. EVE., JAN. 1, 1918 Music, Quigley's Orchestra J. J. O'Neill, Prompter ADMISSION, 25 CENTS A PERSON 228 u\*

MUST HAVE NEW AUTO MARKERS AFTER JAN. 1 The state automobile department sees no reason why anyone should be using 1917 markers on their machines after January 1, and it has sent a circular to this effect to the police authorities all over the state.

KILLED BY BOARDER New Haven, Dec. 29—Mrs. Fiorenda Gianni, aged 54, shot by Antonio Carpentiere, a roomer in her house, yesterday, died today. The man was caught by neighbors after a chase. Coroner Mix had him examined today by alienists, as his actions of late had been those of a man mentally disturbed.

BUNNELL STREET FIRE Firemen gave battle to a stubborn blaze which threatened for a time to destroy a six-family tenement house at 436 Bunnell street, yesterday afternoon, and saved the structure. The flames originated in a bedroom on the first floor, and caused damage of about \$200. The German people are fighting fiercely for the privilege of being half starved by their autocratic government.

PLAZA TO-DAY LOYALTY 6 Act Dramatic Triumph Based Upon Horrible Drug Habit VICTOR'S Musical Melange 14 Gifted Instrumentalists and Soloists MANY OTHER FEATURES

PARK NOW 3000 TO-NIGHT LAST TIME "OH! GIRL!" A RIPPING BURLESQUE WITH 40 PEOPLE Five Days Beginning New Year's Eve at Midnight MATINEES DAILY THE 3 RING OF BURLESQUE

Hip Hip Hoorah Girls WITH Ben Pierce AND THE Six Diving Belles As Presented at the Columbia Theatre, N. Y. All Last Summer. RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW FOR THE MIDNIGHT SHOW.

LOYALTY PLAZA THE SEASON'S MOST STARTLING CINEMA SENSATION CO-STARING THE FAMOUS TRIO, BETTY BRICE, JAY MORELEY AND MURDOCK M'QUARRIE A SERMON ON HUMAN NATURE AND THE DRUG HABIT—A SCREEN TRIUMPH VICTOR'S MUSICAL MELANGE DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA —WITH— 14 BEATRICE NASH 14 STARS "THE FAMOUS LADY WITH THE BATON" STARS

Surpassing Vaudeville Rapturous Photo-Plays POLI'S THE ARCADE FOUNTAIN OF BRIDGEPORT.

LATEST FROM THE MUSIC MART OF N. Y. Tom Brown's Highlanders ALL STAR CAST—SEVEN ABLE ARTISTS MUSIC—SONG—DANCE—COMEDY Norma Talmadge THE SECRET OF THE STORM COUNTRY Six Reels of Entrancing Charm Founded on the Theme "Mother-Love" The Fenwick Girls Paul Brady Frank Dobson 3 Willie Brothers LATEST ANIMATED NEWS

The Lyric THIS WEEK THIS WEEK THE CINDERELLA MAN THE MOST DELIGHTFUL PLAY EVER PRESENTED IN BRIDGEPORT NEXT WEEK NEXT WEEK 'Cheating Cheaters' THE "CROOK" DRAMA DE LUXE A SATIRIC FARCE COMEDY

PARK ONE NIGHT DECEMBER 31 THE ORIGINAL NEW YORK CAST AND PRODUCTION AH WOODS PRESENTS MARY'S ANKLE A FARCICAL DISPLAY IN 3 VIEWS BY MAY TULLY PRICES . . . . . 25, 50, 75, 1.00, 1.50 SEATS NOW SELLING There are some people about now who would like to trade off about 42 calendars offered by admiring friends at Christmas for one copy of the Old Farmer's almanac. The American Girls' Aid shipped since its organization \$460 cases of clothing and other relief supplies to the war sufferers in France.